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TSU students attended the 29th annual African Street Festival at nearby Hadley Park. The festival included numerous vendors selling food, clothing, books, African masks and other artwork. The program included singers, dancers and drama presentations. Photo by Ada Taylor

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TSU and national syndicated radio host Tom Joyner form partnership.



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Career counseling and advisement, resume reviews and mock interviews are only the beginning as to how the career development center can help students.



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It was a clash of the Tigers as TSU won the Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis over Jackson State University.



OPINION/EDITORIAL

Are You Ready?



By Ada Taylor
Editor in Chief

In the last issue, I discussed how college is not about getting a degree, but about preparing for a career. I wanted expand upon that in this issue of The Meter.

According to a 2013 study done by The Bureau of Labor Statistics, 48 percent of employed U.S. college grads are in jobs that require less than a four-year degree. That means that nearly half of all college

graduates are not using the degree they spent four years and thousands of dollars to get. Perhaps this is the result of a failing economy or lack of ambition, or perhaps it has to do with a lack of preparation.

Whether you are a senior or a freshman, it is never too early or too late to start thinking about your career. As a freshman you have the next few years to explore your interests, so don't be afraid to do that. For example, the elective courses you select give you a great opportunity to experiment with other majors, which will help you find your true passion.

If you are an upper-classman with less time to explore your options, don't panic. For those of you who may not feel as excited about your undergraduate degree as you once were, grad school is the perfect time to change directions.

Regardless of your classification, there are resources available that can help you decide what it is that you'd like to do. In fact, that is the Career Development Center's main focus. Visit them as often as possible to see what new opportunities are available, or just to receive some career-oriented advice.

Job shadowing and internships are also great opportunities to explore your chosen profession. After all, many people enjoy a subject in the classroom and yet discover that it is not right for them once they enter the field. In order to avoid this, try to get as much practical experience as possible before deciding.

College is all about exploring your options, and then preparing yourself for the career that you choose. So regardless of what that decision is, start preparing now.

Do Police Officers Lives Matter?

By Leona Dunn
News Editor

I can honestly say that the Black Lives Matter movement does not believe or insinuate that all police officers are bad, just like people of color have been trying to prove for decades that all black people aren't bad regardless of the stereotypes or way that we are constantly and negatively portrayed by the media.

Statistics show that cops have killed more white people than black people, yet since African Americans make up 13 to 15 percent of the entire U.S. population while Caucasians are 40 to 60 percent of the population, black people are literally just proclaiming that we are getting killed at a faster rate and have been getting killed for a longer period of time by police officers.

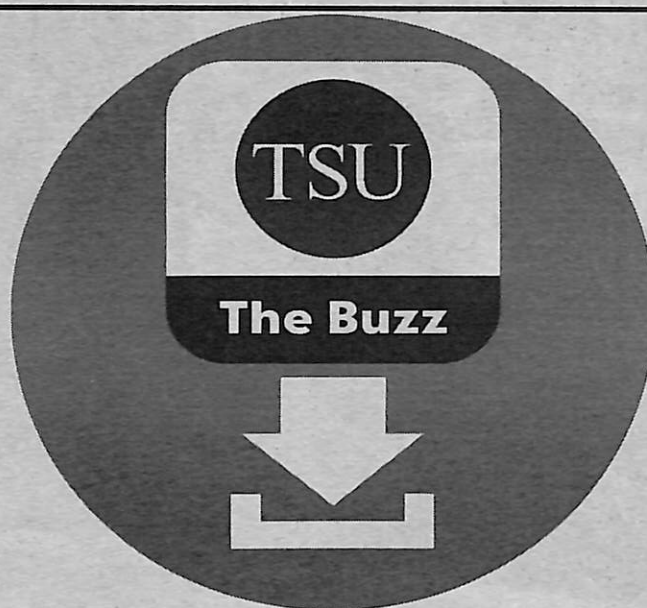
The Black Lives Matter movement has now been accused of having no respect for police authority. People are saying the shooting in Dallas shows what a black man equipped with training

and motivated by anger could be capable of doing. In addition, there have been whispers of African American retaliation spreading after the last two videos of police brutality proved that the marches and rioting solved nothing.

It temporarily silenced officers that were using their badge to feed their sick need to murder innocent people both black and white, and even cost the government thousands of dollars equipping officers with body cameras. Sometimes those cameras are conveniently either facing the wrong way, or not charged, or even covered up when they should be filming.

All cops are not bad but the bad ones are very active. If we want to be honest, when there's a bad cop in your area and no one reports him _ not even his own unit _ that says that you support his behavior. That is where we all have to take responsibility. We all decided to stay silent until we are forced to scream.

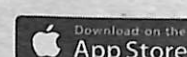
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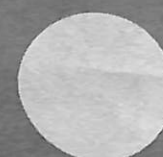
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TSU Students Lenox Publishes for The Unspoken

By Delvakio Brown
Staff Writer

Since 9th Grade Tennessee State University sophomore, Brandon Lenox, has used his talent of words to express himself. After competing in various poetry slams, many people asked Lenox where they could buy his poems. After much thought, he began to put together all of his work and authored *Diary of A Stage Sitter* and later on, *isoLation*.

Noticing that he didn't have a cohesive piece of work he wanted to write poems that promoted self-motivation, was easily relatable, and based on spreading love and faith.

Lenox writes a lot about his experiences from his freshman year and believes it can motivate many. "When it comes to the freshman experience, I want to keep it real about the trials and tribulations because everything is not shown and many times there is no one to talk to," stated Lenox.

In *Diary of A Stage Sitter*, Lenox takes us on a journey where speaks for all those who have words to say but always go unspoken. It's the deep words of one's soul that have been trapped and never found a door. Thinking that the poems would be hard to understand, Lennox initially struggled with the writing process but realized that the message is up for personal interpretation.

Being a part of a single parent home like many African American males in America, growing up wasn't easy. Dealing with what life offered, which was a father who disappeared and a mother who had to sacri-



Brandon Lenox posing next to his debut work *Diary of a Stage Sitter*, available on Amazon.com

fice more than she probably ever thought she would, created an earthquake in Lenox. These experiences caused him to now speak with a passion for making a difference and relating to others.

In *isoLation*, he goes against correct grammar for the title because it has a message of its own. He emphasizes a lower case 'i' to point out self-confidence and capitalized 'L' and 'A' meaning love always. You can purchase both *Diary of A Stage Sitter* and *isoLation* on Amazon.

Now 19, the sophomore hopes to reach hearts of

many and give them something to read in knowing that even when you go unspoken you can still speak through difference volumes.

In college, many students can become isolated from everything and not realize that the campus they reside on has so many opportunities that would love to embrace them. Through the book, Lenox pushes readers into becoming confident in self. It's okay to be a puzzle piece that doesn't fit. It's not meant to be forced.

Dos and Don'ts: How to Dress Ready for Business

Written by Knija Kendrick

It is very important to know what to wear and what not to wear when it comes to business attire whether it be for a job interview or to work. You may not know what those are so I went out and interviewed Mass Communications professor, Ms. Morris to help those who don't know what people in the business world are looking for.

"Short skirts for women and casual clothing such as t-shirts and jeans for men are some "don'ts" for

business attire," Ms. Morris said. "First, you should be wearing clothing that you feel comfortable in, but is also more professional. For example, something you would wear to church or wear to a function is appropriate," Ms. Morris said.

"A lot of times I see students dressing up with clothes they may wear to a party and that's not the same thing." If you have a big meeting to attend or a luncheon, you want to dress more professional rather than if you're going to class so people can take you more seriously."

"Dark and solid colors are acceptable, maybe a few patterns but nothing too wild," Ms. Morris said. "You can wear high heels, but if you're going to be working all day you want to wear shoes you're comfortable with wearing all day. The same rules apply to men as well. A polo shirt on some days is acceptable, but most of the time a button up with a suit and tie is most appropriate," Ms. Morris said.

If you came into college not knowing how to dress for important business events, this should give you a sense of how you should and should not look in the business world!



Sheryl Morris

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selfish. They are temporarily acting on their emotions and not thinking about the mothers, siblings, children, and other people involved in that individual's life that they took.

I am angry that the news has covered more about the black sniper in Dallas than it has focused on the officers that took the lives of those two black men who received point blank chest shots. The officers knew those close-range shots would result in death.

So now the five officers shot by one man, are more important than the two men shot by cops with multiple officers sur-

rounding their fresh corpse, arresting their girlfriends and checking their pockets?

Can you not see why we are angry? Those officers are on paid leave and now all other officers are fearing for their lives the same way all black man fear for their lives when they see a cop car.

All lives do matter, but not all lives are in constant jeopardy. In this case we cannot blame the movement; we cannot blame African Americans; we cannot blame the police; we can only blame ourselves for not understanding the value of life of all lives whether we like or dislike characteristics about each other.

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TSU And Joyner Foundation Form Partnership

MEMPHIS, TN (TSU News Service) – The State's two largest school districts could see an increase in math, biology and chemistry teachers thanks to a partnership between Tennessee State University and national syndicated radio host Tom Joyner.

The initiative, which encourages community college graduates to attend TSU and teach in Memphis and Nashville after graduation, was announced at a news conference in Memphis on Friday, Sept. 9, a day before the Southern Heritage Classic game between TSU and Jackson State University.

The partnership seeks to get more students interested in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM. It will offer full scholarships to students graduating from five Tennessee community colleges: Southwest Tennessee, Nashville State, Volunteer State, Motlow State, and Columbia State.

"Today's agreement with the Tom Joyner Foundation will help deserving students from five of our community colleges fulfill their desires to attend Tennessee State without the distractions of worrying about how to pay for tuition and fees," said TSU President Glenda Glover. "Most importantly, we're providing Memphis and Shelby County, along with the Metropolitan Nashville school system, with much needed STEM teachers for the students."

Tom Joyner said he's glad the initiative will not only help to produce more STEM teachers, but also ease students' financial burdens.

"We always say that it's one thing to go to school, but it's another thing to stay in school," said Joyner, whose mother was raised at then Tennessee A&I State College by his great aunt, Jane Elliott Hall. A building was named in her honor.

The Tom Joyner Foundation will provide 75 percent of the scholarship funds, and the rest will come from the NSF funded Tiger Teach Initiative and TSU's Office of Community College Initiatives.

Sharon Peters, executive director of TSU's Community College Initiatives, said the scholarship program is very much needed.



Front row l-r; Tom Joyner, Jr.; TSU President Glenda Glover; Tom Joyner; Back row l-r; TSU student representatives Jordan Gaither, Treasure Giddens, Tierra Young; Southwest Community College President Tracy Hall; TSU Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mark Hardy and TSU Interim Dean of the College of Life and Physical Sciences, Dr. Lonnie Sharpe

"We don't have enough young people filling STEM careers," Peters said. "A full scholarship to teach in math and biology or chemistry should lead to more teachers, particularly in Nashville and Memphis where we need them."

School officials acknowledged the need for STEM teachers and lauded the partnership.

"As a system, we always have a shortage of science and math teachers," said Roderick Richmond, director of student support services for Shelby County Schools. "So I'm really excited about the partnership with Tennessee State and the Tom Joyner Foundation."

Students beginning their first semester of communi-

ty college in fall 2016 will be eligible for the scholarship program. They must graduate from the two-year institution with a 3.0 grade point average, and maintain a 3.0 GPA while at TSU, according to requirements. Graduates must teach within the Nashville or Memphis area.

The Tom Joyner Foundation supports historically black colleges and universities with scholarships, endowments, and capacity building enhancements. Since it was created in 1997, the foundation has raised more than \$65 million to help students stay in school.

To learn more about the Tom Joyner Foundation, visit: <http://tomjoynerfoundation.org>

Mildew Keeps Game Room and Offices Closed

By Alexis Clark
Staff Writer

The recreation and game room in the basement of the student center has not been open since the school year started on August 22. Over the summer, the game room and a few of the offices in the basement, including The Meter's, were affected by mildew.

Mildew is a form of fungus that is closely related to mold. According to the Merriam Webster dictionary mildew is, "usually a white substance that grows on the surface of things in wet, or warm conditions."

Mildew does not usually cause death but it can cause illness. According to the global healing center, the fungus is not death related but fresh air is a very important component and without clean air, health hazards



Mildew in the ceiling tile in the Meter's office

can be presented. If a person breathes in too much mold or mildew, it may cause respiratory problems depending on the toxicity of the mold.

Chief of Staff Peggy Earnest said the air conditioning system was turned off during the summer months and as a result the game room and a

few of the other offices were moist. Because of the moisture, mildew spread throughout the ceilings. Students have been curious, and concerned about when the game room and The Meter office were going to reopen.

Earnest said she spoke with a supervisor from a cleaning company and was told the ceiling tiles

will be replaced. The rooms will be cleaned out before reopening to assure that the mildew is gone and will not reappear. "The goal is to have the game room and other offices reopened" before the end of the month," Earnest said.

Meter Advisor Inducted



Sandra Dawson Long Weaver, one of 44 founders of the National Association of Black Journalists, was inducted into the Hall of Fame during the 41st annual convention and career fair on August 5th. "It is a great honor and humbling moment to be recognized for our contributions" Long Weaver said.

Major Key Alert: Tips and Tricks for Clear Skin

By Rayvin Ashlee Mosely-Hall
Staff Writer

Having clear skin has always been in style but, how does one achieve clear skin? First, everyone's skin is different so things that work for one person won't always work for another. Also, believe it or not your diet has an effect on your skin. What you consume determines how you feel and your diet will literally show through your skin. Having clear skin is a mixture of things such as the products you're using, how often you're using them, your skin type, your diet, where you live etc. Here are some tips and tricks to achieve clear skin.

Tip #1: Water is a major key. This might sound obvious, but not everyone knows this. Water not only makes your skin look good, but it makes you feel good as well. Did you know if your urine is too yellow, that's not a good thing? Yes. Your urine is supposed to be a pale yellow; that's how you know you're drinking enough water. Water plumps up the skin, causing wrinkles and pores to appear blurred and not as apparent. When you're not drinking enough water, especially if you're in a

dry environment, your skin could fake and appear dull instead of youthful and dewy. Long story short: drink more water.

Tip #2: Cleanse, cleanse, cleanse! In the morning I usually just splash some cold water on my face and that's enough for me, but at night I make sure to really deep cleanse my skin. You don't need any expensive, over the top product for this. Just something you know will penetrate and clean your skin, and make sure you're rinsing the cleanser all the way off. I usually start off with warm water because, that opens your pores and then do my final rinse with cold water to close my pores.

Tip #3: Moisturize! Major key alert: even if you have oily skin it is still crucial that you moisturize. Coconut oil is a good solution to this issue. Try using this product at night, that way your skin can repair itself while you're sleeping. During the day, use Cetaphil lotion. This product will moisturize your skin without making it look greasy. Plus they give you a lot of product for a great price!

Tip #4: Always start with clean hands. For this, try using one of those cleansing brushes. If you do not, just make sure that your hands are clean



whenever dealing with skin. Also, once your face is clean and moisturized, try not to touch your skin.

Tip #5: Don't be afraid to show your skin some TLC. Every now and then treat yourself to a nice mask. They don't have to be expensive masks, you can get one at Walmart for a dollar, and they work!

Tip #6: 3-Step Approach. These products are found at almost every drugstore. The 3-step approach is, salicylic acid (they have spot treatments of this or cotton rounds soaked in the product), benzoyl peroxide (they have face washes in this and spot treatments) and then your daily moisturizer. I know the names sound intimidating but try it and it will change your life!

Tip #7: Don't over wash, even if your skin is like rocky road and so oily you can fry some chicken with it... Don't over wash your skin. It will not help. The same goes for over exfoliating. Exfoliating is something I do once a week to get rid of the dead skin, so my skin can breathe and be smoother. However, over exfoliating can cause your skin to become sensitive and even more prone to breakouts.

Tip #8: Makeup isn't your enemy, but she's not your best friend either. Try not to wear it every day. If you do, just make sure you're wash-

ing it all the way off. Also, be sure to pay attention to the products you're using. Certain makeup products will increase your chances of a breakout, so experiment with different brands and see what works best with your skin.

Tip #9: Don't pop it! The only time to pop a pimple is if you see it's ready to be popped and you can wash your face right after. As far as knowing when it's ready, you'll know when you see the whitehead. Popping the pimple causes it to open and so washing your face while it's open will make it easier for the product to get in the pimple and clean out the bacteria. But if you're out and about and notice a whitehead... Don't pop it. It will just open the pimple, causing the dirt from your hands to get in there and make it worse. Don't play yourself.

Tip #10: Do your research. Find out your skin type and go see a dermatologist if you're able to. Either way, there will be some trial and error, you're not going to be an expert on your skin the first time around. So don't get discouraged if something doesn't work for you but works for your friend. Just take the time to pay attention to your skin, make changes and see what works and what doesn't.

Theater Season Kicks Off With Two Productions



l-r: Sophomore Amirah ElAmin-Sims and Junior Justin Tucker rehearse for *The Hitch Hiker*.

By Martavious Morton
Staff Writer

The season for theater has officially started. The Tennessee State University's Theater Department will be kicking off the school year with two suspenseful plays: *Sorry Wrong Number* and *The Hitch Hiker*.

Sorry Wrong Number explores the world of the unknowing. Mrs. Stevenson, played by Senior Theater Major, Kala Ross, creates a historical insight of

this radio drama in real life.

The Hitch Hiker explores the whole notion of death as well as what is real and what isn't. Junior Theater Major, Justin Tucker, plays Ron Adams, a man who deals with ghostly mind tricks while on the road.

Mr. Marc Payne, a theater instructor, directs both plays. The first showings will be September 22 at 7 pm and continue through the 24th. The final showings will be Sunday, September 25 at 3pm.

The Quick Stop Shop for Career Success

By Shayla Simmons
Copy Editor

The stresses of school weigh heavily on every student's back trying to reach the ultimate goal: their dream career. Students work tirelessly to make that aspiration a reality by receiving high marks and joining organizations and clubs to build a stellar resume. Yet how can you translate all that hard work to a prospective employer?

The Career Development Center, located in the Student Center suite 304, offers a plethora of services to help any student to present themselves with his or her best foot forward and compete in the competitive job market.

Career counseling and advisement, resume reviews and mock interviews are only the beginning as to how the

career development center can help students. The center can also connect students to internship opportunities as well as hosting graduate showcases and career fairs to offer students the chance to network. Workshops and seminars lead by real world employers are also offered by the center.

"We want to make sure that your information is up to par and is really able to compete with other students... the goal is to prepare you before [your interview with a company employer]" said Chandria Harris, who serves as internship coordinator.

When asked about the process of gaining an internship with the help of the Career Center Harris began by saying, "I'll start by asking you to fill out what you're looking for [in an internship employer] and what top companies

interest you. We host an orientation to cover what to say, what and what not to do."

"Then we start outsourcing your information. Once you are hired, I'll present you with an internship contract with the company, follow up with you and assess your work to hopefully convert you from an intern to an employee,"

Harris concluded.

Harris also emphasized the importance of Tiger Track, which connects students to internship updates and job opportunities three times a week. Students can access this invaluable database by subscribing through the Career Development Center's website.



Chandria Harris



Harris's Career Vision Board

Former Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders Revolution

By Khandi Wilson
Staff Writer

A Political Revolution is Underway
The time of the common man is now.

There was once a time in history when it was socially unacceptable for an ordinary Joe to go out and run for public office. One had to have extensive knowledge of the position, and for the most part that specific individual was well-suited for the job and everyone knew it.

During the Primaries, Bernie Sanders hit a particular nerve that really got America's wheels moving. He began Our Revolution. Firstly, he started with

a campaign that received funds solely from individual donations—not from PACS or any other corporate entities. On average he collected \$27 from his 7.6 Million contributions through April 30th. He chose a political stance that signified that Wall Street and any other

big businesses could not buy him or his campaign.

Our Revolution is a continuation of Sanders' stance to rebuild America through a Progressive lens. It is noted that they wish to support people who ultimately will lead us to having more

Progressive members in high positions all around the country so that they may make the dream of political consciousness a reality. This Revolution already has an agenda set and ready to be implemented. It focuses on issues from Income Inequality to Vesting Tribal Nations and even Climate Change.

Bernie Sanders has made waves through social media and on national news. He has become a game-changer since he has gained fame while also collecting the support of many millennials and young adult voters.

The various stances are worth checking out. See for yourself why this man and his philosophical agenda are so popular and well-supported.



Marine Corps Leadership Seminar Teaches TSU Business Students Critical Skills



Students listen attentively to the advice of a seasoned marine

By E. Freeman
Department of Media Relations

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University business majors are taking notes from the U.S. military.

On Sept. 7, more than 40 students from the College of Business participated in a daylong leadership seminar conducted by a group of Marines.

The workshop was part of Marine Week, an annual event in which the Corps take over a major city to show the public the capabilities of the U.S. Marine. It includes displays of some of the military's big guns and hard wares, as well as appearances at schools and veteran hospitals.

At the downtown Avon Williams Campus, students participated in the Marine Corps Leadership Seminar, which exposes business students to Marine Corps leadership principles that ensure success in the business world.

It emphasizes courage, tenacity and teamwork they say are needed to "help you stand out from the competition."

"We really think that the same leadership traits and principles that are used in the Marine Corps, whether on the battlefield or whether at bases or stations, are the same type of leadership that is required and expected of business leaders," Marine Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey said.

A 39-year veteran of the U.S. military, Bailey is the Marine deputy com-



Marine Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey

mandant for Plans, Policies and Operations.

He said the seminar also provides an opportunity to expose Tennessee State University students to young Marines as they talk about their experiences in the Corps.

"The leadership traits and principles that they have lived through in the Marine Corps are the same ones that the students can gain from, such as integri-

ty and initiative, to be successful in the business world," Bailey said.

Derrien Munroe is a senior business administration major with concentration in marketing. His future goal is to own a marketing firm. He said the seminar was very timely and taught him skills that could be critical in his future.

"What I take away from this seminar is how to be a better leader using ethics and morals to problem solve and develop better decision-making to better cope in life," Munroe said. "I learned snippets and tools to correlate in the business world."

The Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Millicent Lownes-Jackson, said the Marine Corps Leadership

Seminar was in line with the goal of the college to equip business students with a "strong portfolio of valuable leadership skills" that attract potential employers.

"That is why this leadership seminar was so vastly important, as it afforded our students the opportunity to learn the Marine's world-renowned principles that form the traits and values that define character as a leader," Lownes-Jackson said.

This marks the first year of the College's involvement with Marine Week Nashville.

For more information about U.S. Marine Week events, visit www.usmarineweek.com

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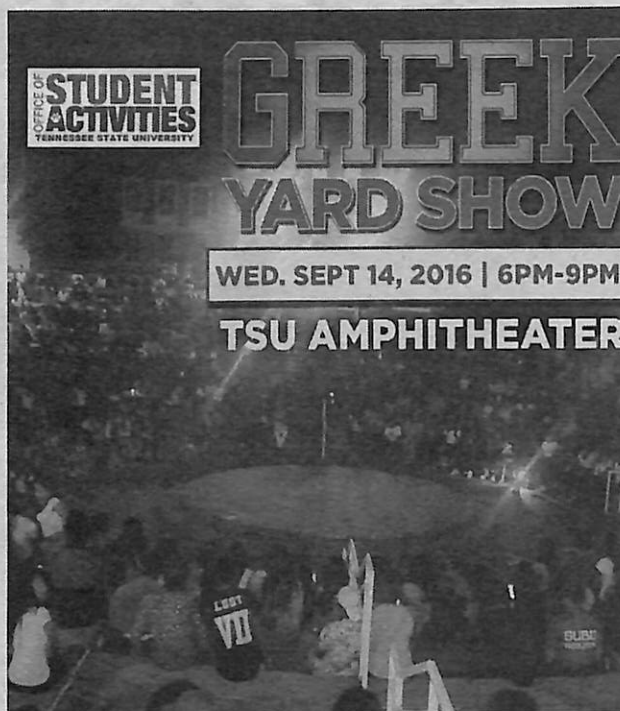
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about on TSU's campus.

The Greek Yard Show on TSU Campus

By Victoria Gourdin
Staff Writer

There's something unifying about Tennessee State University's entire student body coming together for an event. People show up representing their organizations, fraternities, and sororities. And people on campus show up to support their friends and watch the show. The Greek Yard Show was "...engaging, entertaining, and very exciting" according to a group of TSU students. Music blasted throughout the campus, alerting people who weren't in the amphitheater of the festivities and people from all around the Nashville area came to enjoy the company of those on campus.

The Yard Show is somewhat akin to a family affair. Greek life on campus is a big deal for many people. For many fraternities and sororities, Greek and non-Greek, it is a special type of brother and sisterhood.



They all share the same morals, values, and principles that make up their organization.

They enhance education and service experience through stressing the importance of the mind, body, and soul. The Yard Show was simply another way for the Greek organizations of Tennessee State University to show the rest of the campus the rules and regulations they live by. As the members of each organization got up to hop, stroll, and step, they showed the importance of their brother or sisterhood through each synchronized body movement. It was enriching to "... see the difference between the Kappas and the Ques or the AKAs and the Zetas," according to India Jones, a sophomore who constantly enjoys the experience of life on campus. The Yard Show was another way for the campus to come together and enjoy the companionship of the entire school.

Student Art Gallery Opens in the Arts Dept.

By Martavious Martin
Staff Writer

Things are looking promising for the Department of Arts this fall semester. A

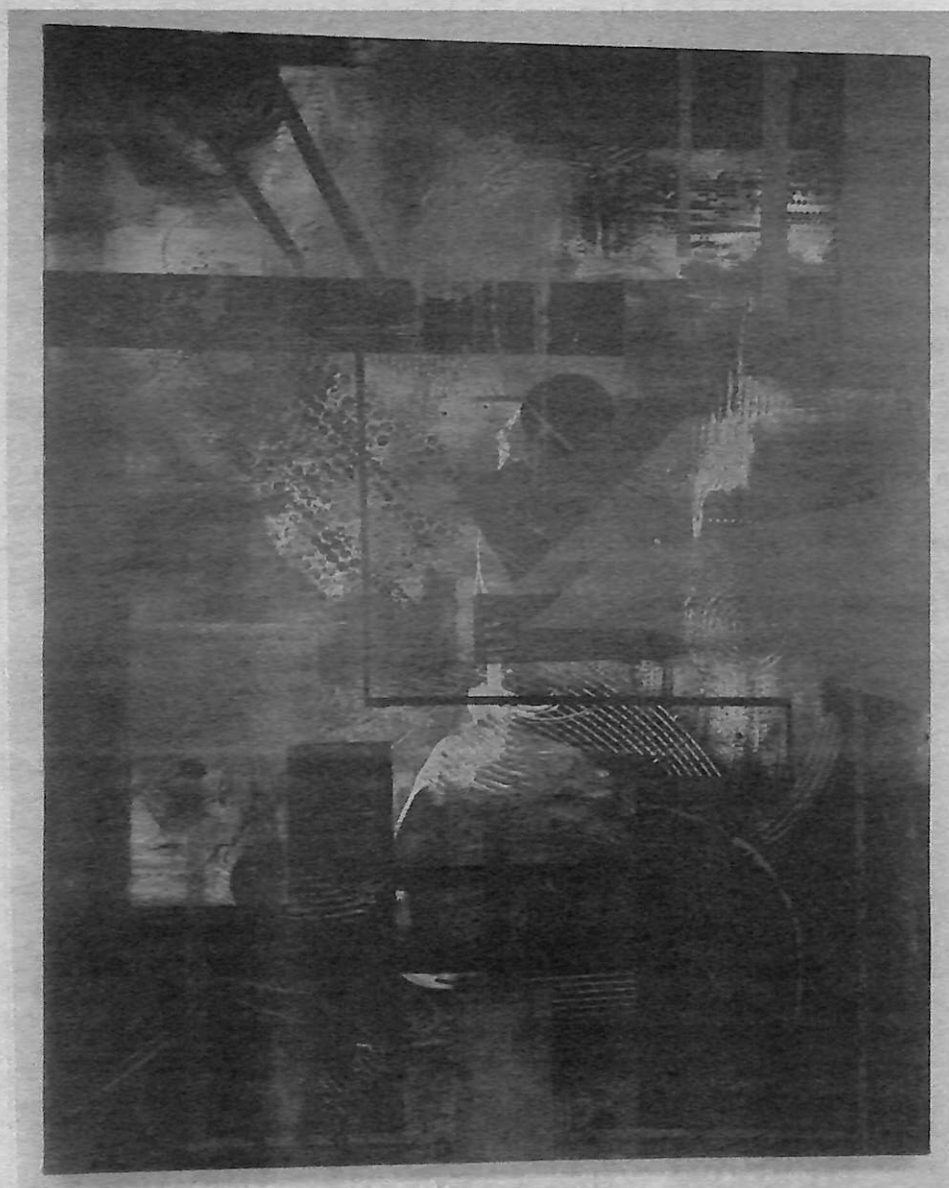
new art Gallery will be opening up, displaying new work from both students and instructors here at Tennessee State University.

As of now, there is no instructor over

the program. However, the department plans to open the gallery to the public by the middle of October. The Hiram Van Gordon Memorial Gallery is located in room 118 of Elliot Hall.

Many events are already held there

to display the artistic works of students throughout the semester. It's highly encouraged that students visit the gallery when it opens to support the talented artists of TSU.



A painting done by Mikayla Washington a student here at TSU.



This painting by Professor Samuel Dunson hangs in the Department of Arts office.



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Hard Work, Persistence, Leads to Successful Career for TV Reporter

By Alexis Clark
Staff Writer

"One thing we focus on is not just covering news, but uncovering the news," Hayley Mason, a reporter for Channel 4, WSMV-TV in Nashville recently told members of The Meter staff. Mason, a Howard University graduate, is originally from Atlanta, Ga. and has a degree in broadcast journalism.

On Sept. 19, Mason shared her experiences, insight and words of wisdom with The Meter staff. In addition to working for the station, she is the vice president of the Nashville chapter of the

National Association of Black Journalists.

"We seek truth and report it," she told the staff. She added that the best skills in your toolbox are time management and networking. The relationships you build are particularly important for a reporter, she said. Those relationships can become the sources for future stories.

She also shared tips on how to follow up on stories that are on your beat.

Mason also advised staff members to be aggressive when it comes to internships. For her, she says it was the internships and job shadowing she did while she was an undergraduate that jumpstart-

ed her career. She said she met her first boss during a NABJ convention and career fair and was able to show them the work she had done while a student.

Once in the field, she said it is essential to stay focused and keep up with deadlines. "But don't give up, you have to be persistent; especially with trying to get interviews," she said.

That persistence, along with hard work, is what helped Mason get to where she is today. As someone who has chased opportunities and learned from each experience, she is an inspiration to all of us.



Hayley Mason, Channel 4 WSMV-TV newsreporter speaks to the staff of The Meter

African American Museum Educates and Inspires

By Courtney Davis

WASHINGTON, DC (Howard University News Service) — The National African American Museum of History and Culture, scheduled to open this weekend, seems to have something for everyone — black and white, young and old, rich and poor.

For Remi Maarouf, who visited last Saturday as part of a special preview, the shards of glass from the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that claimed four black girls, struck particularly hard.

The exhibit that included Resurrection City, a tent community erected on the National Mall in 1968 as part of the Poor People's March that Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. planned but never lived to see, brought back special memories for Augusta Wills.

Niyah Boney, a Washington 9th grader, said it was more recent history, the Black Lives Matter pieces, that resonated with him.

Maarouf, Wills and Boney were among scores of a special group of Washington-area donors to the museum who visited the facility last weekend. Hundreds more who have visited the museum in recent weeks — from President Barack Obama to Olympian Simone Biles to 85-year-old Mary Smith of Charleston, S.C. — have said they were moved by what they saw.

More of a narrative than a museum, the facility's curators say, the exhibits are placed in a way that tells the story of African Americans from the beginning.

The story begins 70 feet below the ground at the bottom level across three exhibits — "Slavery and Freedom," "Defending Freedom, Defining Freedom: Era of Segregation 1876-1968" and "A Changing America: 1968 and Beyond" — and works its way up to the top of the five-story building.

Museum visitors can see pieces of a Portuguese slave ship, a slave cabin, a Boeing aircraft used to train Tuskegee Airmen, a lunch counter stool from the Greensboro sit-ins, the couch and a dress worn by Oprah on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

There is Michael Jackson's hat and jacket from his "Victory" tour, Harriett Tubman's Shawl, Muhammed Ali's boxing gear, Emmitt Till's coffin, Chuck Berry's red Cadillac Eldorado, Carl Lewis' Olympic medals and hundreds more pieces of black history.

Gloria Snipes, who visited from Portsmouth, Va., last weekend, found the slavery exhibits the most thought-provoking.

"I thought about all the black folk who were from



The National African American Museum of History and Culture opens in Washington, DC on Sept. 24.

Africa that were torn away from their families and had to endure a trip across the ocean in the hull of a ship," Snipes said. "It was moving to see the chains that were used to enslave people."

Snipes and her husband were among the thousands of African Americans, other individuals and corporations who made financial contributions or donated rare items so the museum could exist.

Oprah Winfrey, for example, donated \$12 million. NBA legend Michael Jordan and BET founder Robert Johnson are also among those who each gave more than \$5 million. Anthony Walters and his wife, U.S. Ambassador Beatrice Walters, gifted \$2 million and more than 100 individuals and institutions like Alfred Street Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va., donated \$1 million or more.

Then there are the thousands of others, including charter members, who gave smaller donations and reached into their closets and donated some of the tens of thousands of items that are being exhibited.

After finishing the tour Saturday, Kecia Wills of Washington said she likes how the museum is structured.

"Starting from the bottom, it gives you a feeling of being in the bottom of a slave ship," Wills said. "It's dark, a little tight and as you go up the floors are wider. There is more space and more air. It just shows the whole cultural experience of black people once we weren't slaves anymore."

The third level of the museum is home to what's called the Community Galleries, which chronicle African Americans and sports, the military, the great migration from the South and the ways black people created opportunities for themselves, from collegiate Greek life to Hip-Hop music.

The Culture Galleries on the fourth floor — "Musi-

cal Crossroads," "Cultural Expressions," "Visual Arts Gallery," and "Taking the Stage" — feature a modern art gallery, Chuck Berry's 1973 Cadillac and an interactive beat production video.

Augusta Wills of Washington said the exhibit she identified with most was "A Changing America," because it included Resurrection City. She was there.

"I'd get a chance to come down and talk to people who were occupying the tent city," Wills recalled. "So, that exhibit was my favorite in terms of something I really identified with."

Remi Maarouf, who is white, said seeing historical pieces live gave the artifacts a greater meaning to him.

"You see things in textbooks and you read about things, like the church bombing," he said. "To see the shards of glass from the church window, things like that, was just kind of incredible."

His friend, Scott Ackiss, agreed.

"You read about all these individual events, but to see it all from one perspective," said Ackiss, who is also white. "I didn't get the feeling of an African American. You kind of tune that out and see the larger story being told."

Niyah Boney, 14, took particular interest in the sign used to protest the death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black 17-year-old, by a self-appointed security officer in Sanford, Fla., part of an exhibit about Black Lives Matter.

"I felt like I actually witnessed something that was in there, a part of history," he said.

The museum's senior curator of history, William Pretzer, said the facility is more than a place where people can view or relive the past.

"We want this to be a place where we can talk about a topic that, in America, we don't talk honestly enough about, and that's race," Pretzer said.

"Without being angry, without being sensitive, with everyone trying to understand everyone else's point of view, we can move to a kind of interaction around issues that involve race."

Ron Lewis visited from Northern Virginia. Lewis said despite all of the horror and heartbreak that were part of the museum's exhibits, he left with a good feeling.

"The last 50 years we've made tremendous progress," he said. "You have a lot more people able to live the American dream and they all look like us. It makes you feel good."

"It makes you hopeful."

Tigers Move to 3-0 on the Season in Florida

DAYTONA BEACH, FL — For the second consecutive week the Tigers fought off miscues to secure a 31-24 victory at Bethune-Cookman on Saturday afternoon. The Tigers were called for 15 penalties for close to 150 yards and committed three turnovers.

Tennessee State improved to 3-0 on the season as cornerback Terrell Bonds pulled down a tipped ball by Gabe Scott with just over two minutes remaining in the game. The interception was the second of the game for Bonds, helping the Wildcats fall to 0-2.

O'Shay Ackerman-Carter connected on a 71-yard touchdown pass to Steven Newbold and finished with 112 yards as he completed three passes in seven attempts. The redshirt-sophomore quarterback left the game in the second quarter due to an undisclosed injury.

Senior Ronald Butler finished the game for the Big Blue completing 8-of-16 for 68 yards and two touchdowns in relief. Both signal callers tossed an interception in the contest.

The Tigers ground attack was the story of the game as they rushed 44 times for 200 yards. Freshman Earl Harrison led the way with 110 yards on 13 carries. The Memphis native highlighted his day with a 46 yard run for a second quarter touchdown.

The Tigers struck first on a 44-yard field goal off the foot of Lane Clark. TSU used a 30-yard pass play from Ackerman-Carter to Patrick Smith to move into the Wildcats territory.

B-CU took advantage of an Ackerman-Carter interception and moved the ball 25 yards on five plays to take a 7-3 lead with 4:47 remaining in the first quarter.

On the ensuing drive, Ackerman-Carter escaped the pocket on a third-and-five and found Newbold ten yards down the field. The freshman spun out of the first tackle and avoided another Wildcat and sprinted down the right sideline for the longest play from scrimmage this season for the Tigers.

The 10-7 lead was short-lived as B-CU answered with a rushing touchdown on their next series, taking a 14-10 advantage.

Not to be outdone, the Tigers needed three plays and just over a minute to regain the lead at 17-14 on Harrison's scoring scamper. The Wildcats would even the score at 17-17 on a field goal just before half.

The Tigers took the lead in the third quarter on the first of Butler's two scoring passes. The senior tossed a jump ball in the corner of the end zone, allowing Chris Sanders-McCollum to out jump a defender to haul in his first touchdown of the season.

Bethune-Cookman once again pulled even with the Tigers in the first minute of the final stanza. The teams battled back and forth before TSU used the first of Bonds' picks and began a 5:48 scoring drive late in the fourth. The Tigers covered 48 yards on nine plays and was capped off with a seven-yard scoring toss to Patrick Smith.



TSU got their third win of the season beating Bethune-Cookman Saturday 31-24. Photo By Sam Jordan, TSU Athletics

Smith has caught a touchdown in each of the first three games and registered the 13th in his career.

The defense secured the win for TSU, who will have a week off before starting Ohio Valley Conference play. UT Martin will be the first challenge for the Tigers on Oct. 1 at Halle Stadium.

GAME NOTES: Captains for TSU were **Jessamen Dunker, Chris Collins, Kevin Kenton, O'Shay Ackerman-Carter**... TSU won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff... Time of the opening kickoff was 3:59 p.m. (EST)... Weather at the time of kickoff was 86 degrees and sunny... The halftime score was tied for the first time this season... TSU running back **Earl Harrison** scored his first career touchdown... **Wide Receiver Chris Sanders-McCollum** registered his seventh career receiving touchdown... TSU moves to 3-0 for the first time since 2012 and the second time overall under **Head Coach Rod Reed**... TSU improves to 8-1 versus MEAC teams under Rod Reed... The Tigers are now 7-2 all-time versus Bethune-Cookman.

TSU Quarterback Ronald Butler

"I had to do what I had to do to step up and help my team win today."

- On Stepping in at the Quarterback Position

"I definitely need to represent for the hometown, but it's not about that. We're here on a business trip. We're here to get his 'W' and stay undefeated and keep it going."

- On Playing in Florida

TSU Cornerback Terrell Bonds

"We started off slow. They played us tough, but we came back in the second half and made plays, and that's what it took to win."

- On the win tonight

"I prayed for it. That's my first game in my career with two picks but I'm just happy we came through. We fought tough, battled back and got a win."

- On two interceptions

TSU Linebacker Chris Collins

"Any win is a good win. We just feel like we have a lot of work to put in. We've got the off week and we need the time to get healthy and come out strong for conference play."

- On the win

"It's really good. We haven't been 3-0 since I've been here, so that's a good accomplishment, but we have a lot of work to do. It's on to the next one."

- On improving to 3-0

TSU Running Back Earl Harrison

"I had to wait my turn, but thank God I was waiting patiently. I got in and I was ready."

- On his performance

"That was my second time getting in. I was nervous, but I told myself, 'it's no time to be nervous.' It's my turn and it's my chance, and thank God it worked out."

- On his first career touchdown

Entertainment Events: On Campus: Off campus:

Friday, Sept 23:

Blood Drive in Kean, 11 am

Friday, Sept 30:

Come and meet Mr. Booker, Artist. "Talk Art and Reception" at the Brown Daniel Library, 12 pm - 2 pm

Sunday, October 9:

Homecoming Theme Contest "Celebrating a Legacy of Pride and Progress" in Forum, 3 pm

Thursday Oct 13: Young Thug and Young Dolph In Gentry Complex, 7 pm

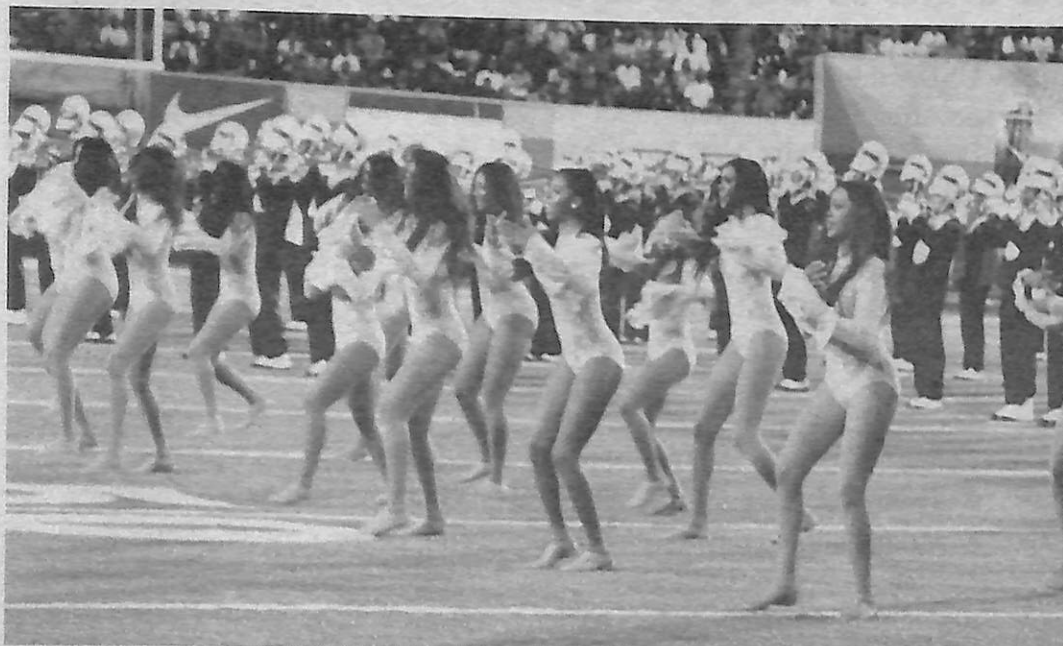
Thursday Sept 22: "The Hitch Hiker and Sorry, Wrong Number," 7 pm-10 pm

Theater production. Strange Performing Arts bldg., 124 Cox Lewis Theater

Wed Oct 12: Lil Uzi Vert Live in Concert. Homecoming kick off. At the lime-light

Friday Oct 14: 21 Savage Live in Concert at Club Reign

Tigers Take Southern Heritage Classic



Tiger Gems put on a winning performance during half-time.

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NASHVILLE, TN. (TSU News Service) – For Tennessee State University, the 27th Southern Heritage Classic was all that – classic.

The TSU Tigers trounced the Jackson State University Tigers 40-26 before more than 46,000 at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee, to culminate a weeklong series of activities and celebration.

The TSU victory was their fifth straight over the JSU Tigers, and improves TSU to 16-11 in the Southern Heritage Classic.

But the weeklong celebration was more than about football.

The TSU administration, staff, students and alumni engaged in a number of academic and relationship building activities that impact student learning, recruitment and support.

A day before the football game, TSU and national syndicated radio host Tom Joyner announced a partnership that could give Tennessee's two largest school districts a major boost in STEM teachers.

The initiative encourages community college graduates to attend TSU and teach in Memphis and Nashville after graduation.

"Today's agreement with the Tom Joyner Foundation will help deserving students from five of our community colleges fulfill their desires to attend Tennessee State without the distractions of worrying about how to pay for tuition and fees," said TSU President Glenda Glover. "Most importantly, we're providing Memphis and Shelby County, along with the Metropolitan Nashville school system, with much needed STEM teachers for the students."

President Glover gives a pep talk to more than 600 elementary students during a stop-over at Hanley Elementary School in Memphis. To Dr. Glover's left is Dr. Sha Fanion, Aspire Hanley 2 Elementary principal and TSU graduate. (Photo by Emmanuel Freeman)

"Do you want to go to college?" "What do

you want to be when you grow up?" "Have you heard about Tennessee State University?" "Do you know what a university president does?"

These were questions Glover posed to the excited students, with a general mix of overwhelming "yes" and some "no" responses to each question.

"Our expectation for Dr. Glover's visit is for scholars to know college is for certain no matter where they come from," said Dr. Sha Fanion, principal of Aspire Hanley 2 Elementary and a 2003 graduate of TSU with a bachelor's degree in special education. "Prior to Dr. Glover coming, we talked about her and the role of a university president. They were excited to know that she is a native of Memphis."

Earlier during the week at the Memphis/Shelby County Presidential Reception, a recruitment ceremony for aspiring students and their parents, officials gave out scholarship information and other admission requirements.

Another key activity of the Southern Heritage Classic week is the Alumni Mixer hosted by the Office of Institutional Advancement, to thank alumni and supporters of TSU for their contribution. More than 200 filled the reception hall of Case Management, Inc., to meet former school mates and friends, as well as dine and receive updates from officials about activities and development at their alma mater.

"We just want to say thank you for all that you do for Tennessee State University to help keep needy students in school," Glover said. "Your continued financial, material and other support and gifts are making a big difference in our students' lives. We are thankful beyond measure for your support."

At the VIP Mayor's Reception, another mainstay of the classic week, officials of Baptist Memorial Health Care presented President Glover with a check for \$5,000. The fund is to support a scholarship for a deserving student from Shelby County, who is in the allied health program at TSU.

— tsu — Football Schedule 2016

Oct. 1 vs UT Martin

Oct. 8 @ East. Illinois

Oct. 15 vs E. Kentucky

Oct. 22 @ Vanderbilt

Oct. 29 @ Murray State

Nov. 5 @ Austin Peay

Nov. 12 vs Tennessee Tech

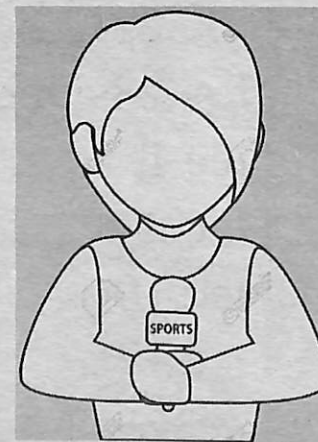
Nov. 19 S.E. Missouri



WE NEED YOU!

If there is one thing that Tennessee State University is known for, it is our top of the line sports teams! Whether it is football, basketball, tennis, golf or track & field, there is always an exciting game to catch, and it is even more exciting when you get to be the one who reports every win. If you have a passion for sports, or if you are interested in sports broadcasting or sports journalism, The Meter has a spot for you!

We are currently searching for a sports writer who will be able to cover not only TSU events, but national sports games as well! If you are interested, feel free to contact me at adayvonne15@gmail.com.



TSU Project on Best Practices in Nursery Production System Selected for Federal Funding

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NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — A Tennessee State University project to promote best management practices in the nursery production system for the Mid-South region is one of 45 across the nation selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to share \$26.6 million for innovative conservation initiatives.

TSU will receive nearly \$793,000 through its College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences to enhance the current Southern Nursery Industry "Guide for Best Management Practices."

As part of the project, TSU will also recommend modifications to the USDA NRCS Conservation Practice Standards that specifically address natural resource and water-quality concerns relating to the nursery



Dr. Dharma Pitchay, assistant professor of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

industry in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia.

The three-year funding, received through a highly competitive grant process, is the first awarded by the

USDA through its Conservation Innovation Grant program to an 1890 Land-Grant university. As a matching-funds grant, the total amount for the project is about \$1.5 million.

Dr. Dharma Pitchay, assistant professor of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, is the principal investigator of the project. The co-principal investors are Drs. Bharat Pokharel, Sudipta Rakshit, Prabode Illukpitiya, Anthony Witcher and Chandra Reddy.

"This is a very prestigious grant to win as historically NRCS has not awarded CIG grants to 1890 universities," said Reddy, who is dean of the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences.

He said TSU will partner with a number of institutions in the region to implement the project, as well as set up a training laboratory on campus to train NRCS or Natural Resources Conservation Services edu-

cators in the new technologies.

"Awarding this prestigious grant is an acknowledgment that Tennessee State University has immediately useful agricultural technologies to promote with stakeholder communities in the state and across the region. I congratulate Dr. Pitchay, the co-PIs and institutional partners in winning this grant for us," Reddy added.

Pitchay said the anticipated outcome of the project would include a trained cadre of growers, extension workers, and field technicians, as well as modification to existing and development of new BMPs and conservation practices.

"We also expect to send messages to nursery growers on the benefits of protecting natural resources and demonstration sites for future conservation field days and training programs," Pitchay said.

Academic Calendar Fall Semester 2016

Sept. 25-30	Student Study Week
Oct 3-8	Mid-term Examination Week - all classes meet as scheduled*
October 7	Founders Day
October 9-15	Homecoming Week
Nov 4	Last day to withdraw from courses
Nov 4	Last day to withdraw from University
Nov 7-Jan 13	Registration for Spring 2017
Nov 11	Veterans' Day
Nov 21-25	Fall Break/Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes
Nov 28-Dec 2	Student Study Week - No Activities Scheduled
Dec 1	Last day of class
Dec 3-8	Final examinations
Dec 10	Commencement
Dec 12	Faculty must have posted all grades via "MyTSU"
Dec 23-Jan 3	Holiday Break